

## New court holds first meeting, adopts logo

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Will all new leadership, the Hickman County Fiscal Court held their first meeting of 2015 on Monday morning, Jan. 5 at 9 a.m. in the Hickman County Judge's Office.

Judge/Executive Kenny Wilson called the meeting to order and led the magistrates Henry Cole, Irvin

Stroud, and Kory Naranjo through the meeting's agenda.

The first order of business for the meeting was to set the court's meeting schedule. Naranjo made a motion for the board to meet the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the county judge's office. Both remaining magistrates approved of his motion, and the board will meet on that day,

beginning this Thursday, Jan. 8.

After taking care of routine business, Judge Wilson gave a report during which he announced that the fiscal court will host a "How to Start a Business" day on April 23 at the Young Center. He said that this event will educate high school students on the details of starting and operating a small business in Hickman County. The line-

up of speakers includes local business owners and business professors from Murray State University.

Wilson also announced that he would meet with the Hickman County Rescue Squad at 1 p.m. on Tuesday to discuss any needs that they have going into 2015. He also encouraged those present and all in Hickman County to support the ambulance service by paying the

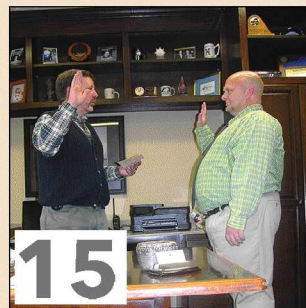
annual dues, which amount to only about \$5 per month for a family.

During the meeting, the magistrates voted to adopt the image below as the official logo of Hickman County. The image was created by Hickman County High School juniors in 2012 as part of the Chamber Leadership Program.

The meeting went into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel, and no action was taken after coming back into open session.



# 2014 Year in Review



**COUNTY LOGO** - The Hickman County Fiscal Court voted on Monday morning to adopt this image as the official logo of Hickman County. The logo was created by Hickman County High School juniors in 2012 as part of the Chamber Leadership Program. The four panels represent agriculture, education, the Mississippi River, and local families.

## Parking, business licenses discussed at council meeting

The Clinton City Council had lots to discuss during their first meeting of 2015, which was held Monday night at 6 p.m. at the Clinton City Hall. Among the discussion items, occupational licenses and court square parking dominated.

Newly-elected Mayor Phyllis Campbell brought up some questionable figures on the list of fees for different businesses. Clinton's license fee schedule lists different types of businesses and different fees listed for each type, ranging from \$25 for a peddler to more than \$200 for a manufacturer. Mayor Campbell mentioned that one city in our area charges a flat rate for business licenses at \$75. She suggested that lower occupational license fees might show that Clinton is willing to work with businesses, and encourage business to move to Clinton.

The councilmembers, including newly-elected councilmember Laura Poole, discussed the issue and decided to research the issue further.

The council also discussed parking issues around the court square, pointing out that as vehicles have gotten larger over time, especially in a rural agricultural community, downtown streets can be difficult to navigate when the parking spaces are filled with full-sized vehicles. The council decided to try to find a plausible solution that does not involve taking parking spaces away from businesses that already struggle with customer parking.

As another discussion topic, Campbell brought up the idea of changing the scheduled meeting time from the first Monday of the month to another date that would not

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## Homecoming is Friday night

Hickman County High School basketball teams will host rival Carlisle County Friday night, which is homecoming.

Homecoming festivities will be held between the boys game and the girls' game. During halftime of the boys' game, the basketball team of 1973 will be honored. This team made it to the state semi-finals. Fans will have the opportunity to meet with players at a reception after the ceremony.

## A look back at the year gone by

It's hard to believe, but 2014 has come and gone. Not all of the news in Hickman County was great last year, with the recent announcements of Ruby Faye's closure and the upcoming closure of the Clinton Family Care Clinic on March 31.

But there were also great things happening in Hickman County in 2014. Hickman County High School boasted two district championships (boys basketball and ladies' volleyball), and we threw a killer Spring Chicken Festival, which drew folks all the way from Mississippi to see what all the clucking was about. Here is a look at some of the top stories from 2014.

### January 14 – Lock hired as new ag agent.

(Photo No. 18)

After a long period with no Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent at the Hickman County UK Cooperative Extension Office, Mattea Lock was hired and began filling the position January 1.

Lock finished degree requirements at Murray State University and graduated

in December with a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture Science of Business Economics with an emphasis on marketing and management.

Lock launched a Facebook page for her department at [www.facebook.com/hickmancountyanr](http://www.facebook.com/hickmancountyanr), and improved the agriculture side of the Hickman County Extension website.

Mattea married Brett Mitchell, of Hickman County, on May 23.

She graduated from Hickman County High School in 2011, and was one of the first students to take full advantage of Falcon Academy, a dual credit program offered at Hickman County High School through local and area sponsorships at no financial cost to the students or their parents. Lock spent only two and a half years in traditional college classes, and completed the same coursework that takes many students four or five years.

### 28 – 19 new candidates vie for election

Hickman County Judge Executive Greg Pruitt's January 13 announcement that would not seek another term as judge executive changed the atmosphere for the upcoming election.

Judge Pruitt made his announcement at the Hickman County Fiscal Court meeting Monday morning, and by noon the candidate filings in County Clerk Jimbo Berry's office looked a lot different than they did at the end of the prior week.

Hickman County Jailer Chad Frizzell, who had previously filed for election to another term as jailer, filled out paperwork to file for judge executive as soon as the meeting let out.

Joey McGee also filed on Monday to run for the office, along with former superintendent of schools Kenny Wilson, who would go on to win the May 20 Democratic primary and appear on the ballot uncontested in November.

Clinton City Administrator Allen Poole also entered the political race on Monday, filing to run for the office of Hickman County Jailer. Poole was serving as city administrator and had previously served as Clinton Police Chief. Prior to beginning service in Hickman County, Poole worked as an officer for the Fulton Police Department. Later on, several others joined in the race, including Amy

Henley-Roell, Latonia Mason, Thomas J. Dickson, Sr., and Chad Barber, who won the Democratic primary and was uncontested in November.

There are three magisterial districts in the county and two of the incumbents, Ricky Deweese and Harold Jackson, ran for re-election. Jackson was contested by Irvin Stroud, while Deweese shared the ballot for District 1 with Democrats Brent Dublin, Henry Cole, and Republican Rosemary Jones.

Tommy Roberts, magistrate for District 2, did not seek re-election. Len "Jimmy" Lemons, John D. Boaz, Todd Jackson, and Lloyd Wesley Callison, Denise McWhorter, Tim Rodgers, and Kory Naranjo, all filed to run for his seat.

Incumbent Hickman County Attorney Sue Ellen Morris ran for re-election against Republican Jason Batts. Their contest would not be decided until the November general election.

Amanda McClure Spillman (D) and Gaylon Reynolds (R) entered the race for the office of property valuation administrator (PVA).

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Phillip Edwards  
Linda McClure  
Thomas Quillen  
Laura Stephens

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# 2014 YEAR IN REVIEW

## February

### 4 – Hickman County Middle School boys are district champs

*Photo No. 10*

The Hickman County Junior Falcons beat Carlisle County Thursday night at home to claim the District One Championship trophy. Pictured from left are (kneeling) Brett Crawford, J.C. Mulchay, Cade Brockwell, Parker Estes, Nic Coffey, Carl Shields, Hunter LeBlanc, and Kenin Hopson. Standing from left are Coach Jeff Boaz, Nathan Howell, Sam Gallimore, Camden Aldridge, Dalton Jewell, Grant Davis, Jordyn Naranjo, Nathan Blaylock, Joseph Green, Isaac Madding, and assistant coach Jamie Madding.

### 18 – Williams retires from library board

Former Clinton Bank president and longtime Hickman County Memorial Library boardmember Bob Williams has announced his retirement from the library board after more than 40 years. Williams, who retired from his 36-year career at Clinton Bank in 2006, first became involved with the library when he served as treasurer for the fundraising campaign to build the current library building in 1973.

## March

### 4 – Ice storm cripples region

*Photo No. 1*

Hickman County Schools, along with the rest of the schools in the district, have missed over two weeks worth of school days due to the weather. Even colleges and universities have been forced to close their doors while the weather takes its course.

“This is the first time since I have been in office that all the schools in Kentucky were closed,” stated Hickman County Judge Executive Greg Pruitt after the early March ice storm.

Snowy and icy roads caused numerous wrecks within the county including a state salt truck that had overturned on State Route 1529. State Road worker Tracy Ladd was driving the truck at the time of the wreck. He was plowing the road when he lost control of the truck.

The harsh weather of last winter forced local schools to stay in session during spring break in order to avoid a June graduation.

### HCHS Falcons are district champs

*Photo Nos. 9 and 11*

The Fulton City High School gym was packed to capacity with around 1,000 spectators as the Hickman County Falcons claimed the District 1 title Friday night, February 28, with their 49-45 win over the Carlisle County Comets. The stands were filled long before tipoff and fans of both teams stood crammed in all four corners of the gym.

### 25 – Possible jail closure causes uproar

The rumors of the looming closure of The Hickman County Detention Center were given slightly more attention in late March as several emergency management officials published an “Open Letter to the citizens of Hickman County” in an issue of The Hickman County Times. The letter was signed by Hickman County Sheriff Mark Green, Hickman County Jailer Chad Frizzell, Hickman County Fire and Rescue Chief John Turner, Clinton City Administrator Allen Poole, and Paula Boaz, Director of Clinton-Hickman County Ambulance Service, Inc., and stated that it had come to their attention that Hickman County Judge Executive Greg Pruitt had been in contact with other counties about the possibility of moving local Emergency 911 Dispatch to another location outside Hickman County.

The letter was not published in *The Hickman County Gazette*, which has higher circulation in Hickman County, and the signees of the letter did not contact Judge Pruitt about the matter before publishing the letter.

In Judge Pruitt’s published response, he stated that neither he, nor the Hickman County Fiscal Court, had reached a decision on whether or not to close the jail, much less outsource emergency dispatch.

## April

### 15 – Jail decision delayed

The Hickman County Fiscal Court did not make a decision Monday night on whether or not to close Hickman County Detention Center, as previously expected, but approved a maximum salary schedule that accounts for the possibility of a future jail closure.

More than 100 concerned residents filled the upstairs courtroom of the Hickman County Courthouse to capacity to witness the meeting.

After taking care of some routine agenda items, Judge Executive Greg Pruitt informed those present that while he and the fiscal court thought that they would have to come to a decision about whether or not to close the jail before the first Monday in May, they have recently discovered another option that gives them more time to consider the options.

The fiscal court approved their maximum salary schedule with an adjustable salary for the office of Hickman County Jailer. The salary for jailer is set at \$25,000 per year for a jailer/transportation officer or more than \$60,000 if the position is full-time with a full service jail.

The decision allows the fiscal court to take more time to examine the numbers to determine whether or not the county will be able to afford to keep the jail up for one more year. Judge Pruitt estimates that the jail will require \$696,000 out of the county’s general fund during the next fiscal year if it remains open.

Judge Pruitt also outlined two other options for the future of the jail and emergency dispatch, which currently runs out of the jail.

One option allows for the jail to be closed and local emergency dispatch to continue to operate out of the building. This option is estimated to cost only \$440,559, saving some money by not operating the jail.

Another option, referred to as the last resort, involves closing the jail and outsourcing dispatch

to another county or the Kentucky State Police.

Several of the citizens present took the opportunity to address the fiscal court with their concerns. Most seemed understanding about the possible necessity to close the jail, but were very opposed to the thought of taking dispatch out of the county.

### 29 – Annual Chicken Fest a big hit

*Photo Nos. 16 and 17*

The torrential downpour held off just long enough for the Fourth Annual Clinton-Hickman County Chicken Festival to be a hit.

The introduction of carnival rides to the Chicken Fest brought an exciting addition to this year’s event. Musical entertainment was provided to the event by local bands Hope Church Band and The Riverheart Band, as well as The McKendrees (shown in photo 17), a bluegrass band from Benton.

Chicken Idol entertained spectators on Friday night, with Melissa Jackson claiming the first place title for the adult category and Ryker Cagle winning the youth category.

Arts and crafts vendor booths stayed buzzing all day Saturday as a petting zoo sponsored by River Valley Ag Credit kept the little ones and the young at heart entertained.

“We really got a lot of support from our sponsors this year.” Chicken Festival committee co-chair Ken Jewell said Monday. Jewell co-chairs the event committee with Deena Pittman, who also serves as president of the Clinton-Hickman County Chamber of Commerce.

The addition of Jewell’s son, Alex Jewell, as the event’s MC also brought new life to this year’s festival. Alex’s candid commentary added a new flavor to events such as the Chicken Dance and the Chicken Clucking Contest.

Annie Smith defended her title as the clucking champion with her latest rendition of “On the Road Again,” by Willie Nelson.

Hickman County Honorary Ambassador Darrell Sims represented Hickman County well. Sims won second place in his age division in the 5K, and won the Chicken Dance contest with Abby Berry as his partner.

News of the festival brought one couple all the way from Walnut, Miss. Joe and Bette Spencer (shown in photo 16) heard about the festival and had to come see what it was all about.

“I’ve been to a lot of festivals,” Spencer said, “but never a Chicken Festival.”

## May

### 6 – Jail included in budget for now, alternative budgets prepared

The Hickman County Fiscal Court voted Monday, May 5 night to approve the first reading of a budget that included the funding of the Hickman County Detention Center through next June.

The budget was one of two that were submitted to the court for consideration. The other budget, that was not selected, included the closure of the jail as a detention center but continued operation of dispatch in the building.

Options for the budget are still open until the court passes a final budget at their June meeting, scheduled for June 23.

The magistrates would meet for a budget workshop on May 29 to go over any adjustments that they would like made to the budget.

Ricky Deweese made the motion to approve the reading of the budget that included operation of the jail, stating that he wanted to watch the inmate population between now and the budget workshop in the hopes for an up-tick in the population of state inmates, and therefore jail income.

Judge Executive Greg Pruitt told the magistrates that the fiscal court began the current fiscal year with \$730,000 in the General Fund, and are projected to finish the year on June 30 with around \$560,000 in the account. If the fiscal court adopts and executes the budget that provides for the continuation of the detention center, Judge Pruitt said the General Fund will likely be down to around \$82,495 by June 30, 2015.

In the budget that requires the jail to close, but for dispatch to remain operational in the building, the amount left in the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year is \$338,055.

Though the fiscal court voted to pass the first reading of the budget, the magistrates can make any adjustments necessary before they pass the final budget at their June meeting.

After the jail discussion was finished, the court went through several items of discussion including the jail population report, the water rate case, county road paving, and bridge repairs.

The Hickman County Detention Center population report showed that there are 49 inmates currently in the jail, 37 of which are state inmates.

### 6 – Clinton City Council split over budget

The City of Clinton’s Ordinance 2014-5, lining out the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year, passed narrowly at Monday night’s regular meeting.

Voting yea for the first reading were council members Ivan Potter, Phyllis Campbell, and Jerome Jenkins. Members Betty Morrow and Howard Dillard voted nay. Council woman Yvette Thomas was absent from the meeting.

Question was raised about the amount budgeted for seven city employees’ health insurance which runs around \$3,100 per month and was allotted for the coming year at only \$23,000. City treasurer Donna Bryan reported that from July 2013 through April 2014, insurance expenditures were \$39,296. Then Councilwoman and current mayor Phyllis Campbell suggested that the city’s insurance contract could be put out for bids to seek better rates without compromising the type of coverage the city is able to afford employees.

Discussion about the proposed \$28,000 for dispatch, which reflects a substantial increase above this year’s budget of \$13,000, was explained by the mayor, saying, “We don’t know what’s going to happen with the jail and dispatch until after tonight’s fiscal court meeting, so we had to

build in extra, thinking we’ll have to help pay for whatever happens (with that situation).”

Mayor Tommy Kimbro assured council members that the document presented is a proposed budget and can be adjusted before adoption. The second reading of the proposed budget, if voted affirmatively by a majority of the council, will set the coming year’s budget.

### 13 – Riddick named citizen of the year

Frank Riddick was named Citizen of the Year Thursday night, May 8, at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Hickman County Business and Industry Appreciation Banquet.

Riddick, known affectionately to some as “the bicycle man” was said to have given thousands of bicycles to underprivileged children throughout the area.

“There is no better feeling in the world than to give a bike to a child that doesn’t have a bike,” the retired farmer said after receiving the award.

### 20 – Voters choose a clean slate in primary election

*Wilson, Barber, Cole, Stroud, Naranjo declared winners in contested primary races*

Hickman County voters chose to wipe the slate clean in the May 20 primary, electing Kenny Wilson as Hickman County Judge Executive, Chad Barber as Jailer, and Henry Cole (district 1), Kory Naranjo (district 2) and Irvin Stroud (district 3) as magistrates.

Wilson ran against current Hickman County Jailer Chad Frizzell and Joey McGee for his office. Wilson received 747 votes compared to Frizzell’s 444 and McGee’s 134.

Chad Barber ran in the highly contested jailer race against City Administrator Allen Poole, Dale Courtney, Thomas J. Dickson, Sr., Latonia Mason, and Amy Henley-Roell. Barber received 425 votes. Poole received 342 votes, followed by Roell with 251 votes.

Henry Cole edged out incumbent district 1 magistrate Ricky Deweese by four votes (143-139) and would have to face Republican challenger Rosemary Jones in the November general election.

Stroud also ran a close race, catching 222 votes, just seven votes more than his opponent, incumbent magistrate Harold Jackson.

Kory Naranjo received 243 votes to leave other district two magistrate candidates behind. The race for this position included Len “Jimmy” Lemons, Lloyd Callison, John Boaz, Tim Rodgers, and Denise McWhorter.

These new county officials took office on January 1, 2015.

### 26 – HCHS honor grads announced

Hickman County High School announced the Class of 2014’s 26 honor graduates on Monday, May 26. The list included Sydney Harrison as Valedictorian (photo no. 7), and Ryan Harpole as Salutatorian (photo no. 8).

Harrison is the daughter of Rick and JoAnn Harrison. Her grandparents are the late Duane and Betty Caldwell and Elmo and Eloise Harrison. She is a Governor’s Scholar, an alumna of the Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Program, second-year president of Beta Club, second-year secretary of FBLA, vice president of the Science Club, and a member of Falcon Friends, Tag Team, and Gifted and Talented.

Harpole is the son of Mark and Marcia Harpole. His grandparents are Gerrald and Beverly Clay. He is a Governor’s Scholar, a Singletary Scholar, a HOBY Ambassador, recipient of the Class of Kentucky Award, and Kentucky Book Award. He scored 32 on the ACT, served as president of H-Club, is a member of FBLA, Student Council, Beta Club, Science Club, Gifted and Talented, Falcon Friends, Leadership Program, Student Advisory Council, Superintendent Advisory Council. Harpole also played basketball, baseball, and church league softball.

Honor Graduates include Cayce Brockwell, Makenna LeBlanc, Samantha Handley, Lukas Rice, Rachel Kimbell, Michael Galuszka, Paul Barnett, Johanna Fuller, Tisan Baird, Jasmine McClain, Allie Thomas, Ashleigh Trevino, Koty Shelton, Brittany Turner, Alex Simmons, Zach Morris, Jessica Cooley, Mykala Waggoner, Breann Jones, James Bolen, Tristen Kellermeier, Dylan Hudson, Harley Hinshaw, and Stefanie Gore.

## June

### 6 – Community ‘Relays’ despite gloomy weather

*Photo No. 2*

Unfavorable weather conditions did not stop the community from participating in the 2014 Hickman County Relay for Life on Friday, June 6.

Despite the rain that caused the event to end earlier than anticipated, the county still managed to raise more than \$16,000 in donations to go towards the American Cancer Society.

Local teams participating in the fundraiser included Blessed Assurance, Second Baptist Church of Clinton, Team One Way, Whitner and Laird, Falcon Friends, Hickman County Sheriff’s Office, Hickman County EMS, First United Methodist Church of Clinton, and First Baptist Church of Clinton.

### 17 – Senior Center to lose Adult Day Care Program, continue providing other services

Despite rumors that the Hickman County Senior Citizen Center would close come July 1, Director Wendy Stairs and staff clarified that the center was and will be still going strong. The only change is that the Adult Day Care program would no longer be held at the center, due to funding cuts at the state and regional levels.

The senior center would still operate normally and offer a recreational area for seniors age 60 and up. The Day Care program, directed locally by Rhonda Parham, was run on a specific schedule approved by the PADD office and has its own regulations and restrictions. As of June 16, there were still seven active participants in the Adult Day Care Program, which provides activities for

qualifying elderly such as Senior Olympics.

When the program is cut on July 1 seniors will be allowed to come and go freely and utilize the center as they wish. All services will still be offered including transportation services and exercise classes. Meals will continue to be served each day to the public for a minimal fee, and the building itself can be rented for birthday parties, showers, meetings, etc.

## July

### 1 – Estes, Todd named new principals

Kevin Estes and Richard Todd have been named the new principals at Hickman County Schools.

Kevin Estes was hired as Hickman County High School principal. He has served as principal at Ballard County Middle School for the past three years. Prior to becoming principal at BCMS, Estes worked for six years as assistant principal for the middle school and athletic director for the district.

Prior to his time working in Ballard County, Estes was principal of Fulton County High School, spent seven years as girls’ basketball coach and science teacher at Carlisle County High School prior to going to Fulton County.

For the past 18 years, Estes has lived in Hickman County and now resides in Fulgham with his wife, Dana, who teaches preschool at Hickman County Elementary. Estes has two children, Baylee (14), and Parker (12).

Estes becomes principal effective July 1, and is excited about the opportunity. “I’m excited to be here,” he said Monday, “I’m impressed with the high school and am looking forward to helping take it to new heights.”

Estes is coming to the high school after Perry Collins served as principal for the 2013-2014 school year and then moved to serve as director of pupil personnel for the district.

Richard Todd will be the new principal of Hickman County Elementary School. He is a 1983 graduate of Carlisle County High School and a graduate of Murray State University. He is married to Carolyn Slaton Todd and has two children, Nolan and Rachel.

Todd comes to the elementary school after Keri Cornwell served as principal for the 2013-2014 school year and then went to Graves County where she will return to the classroom.

### 7 – City Administrator Position abolished

The Clinton City Council voted Monday night, July 6 to abolish the position of city administrator. The position was created in 2012 and filled by Allen Poole for two years.

Councilmember Phyllis Campbell introduced and read the emergency ordinance that abolished the position once passed on the first reading. All council members voted in favor of the ordinance with the exception of Yvette Thomas, who abstained from the vote.

Normally, ordinances require two public readings before becoming law. KRS 83A.060(7) allows a legislative body to suspend the requirements of a second reading and publication in emergency situations. Section 4 of the ordinance explains that the ordinance is adopted as an emergency ordinance on the basis that the slower passing of an ordinary ordinance would “hinder the immediate termination of the position of City Administrator and would hinder the timely creation and adoption of the city budget for the next fiscal year which accurately reflects the salaries and benefits of city employees.”

The ordinance was drafted by City Attorney Leanna Wilkerson, who was asked by a council member to do so. The ordinance took effect immediately. Pursuant to KRS 83A.060(7), the City of Clinton has ten days from the effective date of the ordinance to publish the ordinance in full or in summary in this publication, the “newspaper of record.”

The elimination of the position cut administrative salaries for the City of Clinton \$43,500, from \$86,500 to \$43,000, in the budget proposed by the council.

### 15 – Rotary club celebrates Chandler’s birthday

*Photo No. 3*

Jerrald Chandler received a pleasant surprise Wednesday afternoon, July 9, as 15 members of the Rotary Club of Clinton surprised him at Arbor Place of Clinton to celebrate his 87th birthday.

Chandler, who served as the club’s secretary for more than 40 years, suffered a stroke in June, was admitted to Arbor Place of Clinton, and has been unable to attend the club’s weekly meetings at the Hickman County Memorial Library.

To celebrate his birthday, which was Thursday, the club coordinated with administration at Arbor Place to have the celebration, which was held in the “50’s room.” Arbor Place provided a bbq lunch for the club, and Administrator Trella Wilson gave Rotarians a tour of the facility.

Rotarians present were Daniel Richardson, Phillip McClure, Rick Canty, Bruce Smith, Keith Akin, Sue Ellen Morris, Glenn Reid, Larry Lewis, Karl Buss, Jerrald Chandler, Crystal Janes, Hunter Whitesell, Jason Batts, Trella Wilson, Mary Jo Duke, and David Kimbell.

## August

### 1 – eLearning Center opens in Senior Center

*Photo No. 6*

A ribbon cutting was held August 1 for the West Kentucky Broadband eLearning Center at the Hickman County Senior Citizen’s Center.

Murray State University’s new president, Bob Davies and the university’s Board of Regents chairman Harry Lee Waterfield, Jr. attended the opening ceremony, along with other area and state dignitaries. The ribbon cutting marked the opening of an eLearning center that will house approximately 20 computers that the public now haas access to during regular senior center hours and after hours on some days.

The center provides citizens the opportunity to take advantage of benefits associated with broadband access, and will eventually offer classes on topics ranging from basic computer



# It’s “Christmas”... enough said

Now that Christmas is over and we are a week into the new year it may be a good time as any to reflect on Christmas and all the “movements” to refer to that particular time as only the “holiday season”, “winter break” and so forth.

While it is unlikely that Jesus was actually born on Dec. 25 on our calendar, but even that is no reason to

change references to that particular time of the year from “Christmas” to “Holidays”.

Think about it. Forever we have all (well, the biggest majority) looked forward to Christmas, not simply holidays.

I see a lot of movements to “put Christ back in Christmas” and sayings like “Jesus is the reason for the season.” I don’t believe we have the power to take Christ out of Christmas although I think I know where that comes from, like when it is shortened to Xmas. The big question is, what do people mean for the X to stand for?

What’s the big deal? And why? It has been called “Christmas” for ages.

I wonder how it will be in the next

generation and the one after that, assuming this world is still around that long?

Christmas cards are big business for the card companies, the retailers and the postal service. Would “holiday” cards do just as well?

The song that contains “have yourself a merry little Christmas” wouldn’t be the same with “have yourself a merry little holiday”.

And what if the pc police change “I’m Dreamin’ of a White Christmas” to “I’m Dreaming of a White Holiday”. Ugh!

What about “’Twas the Night Before Christmas”? “’Twas the Night Before Holidays?” This also does not make any sense.

Then there are sayings like someone moving slow, as in travel, “They’re as slow as Christmas.” It would be ridiculous to say “They’re as slow as the holidays”. For one, holidays seem to come around faster as more are added.

And the saying “Christmas comes but once a year” wouldn’t be true if we say “Holidays come but once a year”.

Some things just don’t jive and trying to change “Christmas time” to “Holiday time” is one of those. Leave it alone. After all, it is only 51 or so weeks before we get to celebrate it again.



## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
KET greatly appreciates all of you who became a KET member by making a contribution during WinterPledge 2014.

I say this on behalf of Kentuckians of all ages who will benefit from your gift. Giving helps KET continue to

broadcast its entertaining and educational program line-up and continue its many community outreach programs.

If you would still like to give, you can call **800-866-0366** or pledge online at **ket.org/support**. Your support will help you, your family and fellow

Kentuckians be more informed, inspired and empowered.

Sincerely,  
Carol Major  
KET Friends Board Member  
District 1

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use to job skills training.

The computers are refurbished Dell 5760 models from the Commonwealth Office of Technology. Jonathan Baskin, Coordinator of Regional Outreach at Murray State University, worked with Hickman County Senior Citizen’s Center Director Wendy Stairs and Hickman County Judge/Executive Greg Pruitt on the project.

Baskin said that the program is funded with grant money through December 31, and a sustainability plan will be in place by then. He also said the program should provide an additional part-time job to keep the eLearning center open up to 20 hours per week after regular senior center hours.

“My hope is that this will bring more people in our doors to see what we have to offer here,” Stairs said about the project. “This will also be a great resource for the community as a whole.” The eLearning center fills the room that was left vacant by the closure of the Adult Day Care program at the center on June 30.

### 19 – Wilkerson wins photo contest

Photo No. 14

Leanna Wilkerson has been named the winner of the 2014 Beauty of Hickman County Photo Contest. The out-of-state panel of four judges deliberated over the entries for some time before putting Wilkerson’s photo in the top spot.

The photo features Wilkerson’s daughter Richli, at the Clinton First United Methodist Church at Bette Chandler’s memorial ceremony. The Clinton Post Office can be seen in the background.

Wilkerson received an 8x10 framed print of the photo, while a duplicate print is on display at the Hickman County Gazette.

The staff of the Hickman County Gazette would like to thank all those who participated in our photo contest this year.

### 26 – Ice Bucket Challenge soaks local healthcare facilities

Photo Nos. 4 and 5

The nationwide sensation of the Ice Bucket Challenge found its way to Hickman County Monday, Aug. 25 as 19 staff members of Clinton-Hickman County ICF were doused in ice-water by their co-workers (photo no. 4).

While the challenge traditionally raises money for the ALS Association, ICF decided to keep their donation local. Prior to being drenched in ice-water, ICF Administrator Rollie Bushor announced that ICF will make a \$200 contribution to the Hickman County Ambulance Service.

In tradition with the challenge, Bushor challenged Arbor Place of Clinton and Hutson, Inc. to match or beat their contribution.

The Ice Bucket Challenge has proven to raise millions of dollars nationwide to benefit the ALS Society.

Arbor Place of Clinton (photo no. 5) responded to the challenge the following day as several of their staff were doused by co-workers.

### September

#### 9 – New lights illuminate Washington Street

Photo No. 20

Nine street lights are now in place along Washington Street in Clinton after Kentucky Utilities technicians spent the latter part of last week and Monday setting them up.

The lights were furnished by KU and were turned on Monday night.

Crewmembers Devin Williamson, Tommy Bingham, and Steve Lenier spent about an hour on each light post before moving on. The first light put in place was in front of the Yates Building; the crew then went up Beeler hill towards Greg’s Supermarket before putting the last poles in place on the north side of Clinton on Monday, September

8.

### 23 – Farlee announces retirement

Photo No. 19

The Hickman County Board of Education lost its longest standing staff member to retirement. Susan Farlee, Finance Officer at the board of education, announced that she would retire at the end of 2014.

Farlee first came to work at the Hickman County Board of Education on July 18, 1977 after working for three years at Murray State University as the departmental secretary for the Department of Professional Studies.

Farlee doesn’t have any set plans for retirement. “After working full-time my whole life, I wouldn’t mind doing something part-time,” she said.

Hickman County Schools Superintendent Casey Henderson announced Monday, September 22 that Kim Wilson had been hired as Farlee’s successor. Henderson said Wilson was the most qualified applicant for the job as a certified public accountant with more than 25 years of experience in analyzing and auditing school districts across the area.

### October

#### 14 – Barber sworn in as jailer

Photo No. 15

Hickman County Jailer Chad Barber was sworn into office Friday morning, Oct. 10 by Hickman County Judge/Executive Greg Pruitt. Barber took office Thursday morning, Oct. 16, as then Hickman County Jailer Chad Frizzell had announced his resignation effective October 15, 77 days before his term was set to expire.

In an address to Hickman County citizens through his personal Facebook page, Frizzell stated that he has accepted a position with the Kentucky Court of Justice Pretrial Services.

“I look forward to passing the torch to Jailer-Elect Barber at midnight on October 16 and look forward to a much-needed break from local politics,” he said in the announcement. Frizzell was originally elected to the office of Hickman County Jailer in 2006, and again in 2010. He ran for the office of Hickman County Judge/Executive in the May 20 democratic primary against Joey McGee and Judge/Executive-elect Kenny Wilson.

Barber won the May 20 primary by a margin of 83 votes in a six candidate pool that included Allen Poole, Dale Courtney, Thomas Dickson, Sr., Latonia Mason, and Amy Henley-Roell. Barber could face lean times at the Hickman County Detention Center as revenue-generating state inmate population has been dangerously low for the past year.

### 21 – HCHS Volleyball squad are district champs

Photo No. 12

The Hickman County Lady Falcons jumped out to big leads in all three sets Tuesday night, Oct. 21, against the Fulton City Lady Bulldogs to secure their victory in the District 1 Championship Game.

### November

#### 4 – Voters elect more new leaders

Fifty-three percent of Hickman County residents turned out to vote Tuesday, Nov. 4 and on absentee ballots as they elected new leadership for Clinton, Columbus, and Hickman County.

Phyllis Campbell would be the next mayor of Clinton after beating incumbent Tommy Kimbro and former mayor Fred Cox in Tuesday’s election. Campbell received 165 votes, compared to 103 votes for Kimbro and 90 for Cox.

Jason Batts would become Hickman County Attorney on January 1 after defeating incumbent Sue Ellen Morris 1,271 votes to 659. Batts’ victory marks the first time in history that Hickman Countians have put a Republican in a local office.

“Voters are looking for a change,” Batts said after the election, “a change from the career politicians that exist at every level of government to people dedicated to public service who can provide fresh ideas.”

Henry Cole defeated Rosemary Jones 325 votes to 200 for the office of Hickman County Magistrate, District 1. Cole would join Kory Naranjo and Irvin Stroud on the Hickman County Fiscal Court in January. Naranjo and Stroud were declared winners in the Democratic Primary in May and were not contested in the general election.

Amanda Spillman was elected be the next Hickman County PVA, defeating Gaylon Reynolds 1,418 votes to 496.

Incumbent Hickman County Sheriff Mark Green held onto his office, as he defeated challenger Eugene Morris 1,610 votes to 229.

Kay Ferguson would replace incumbent Richard Frizzell as the next mayor of Columbus in January. Ferguson won with 51 votes, compared to 26 votes for Frizzell. At least 203 residents voted in Columbus, with only 77 voting in the mayoral race.

Laura Poole was elected to fill the Clinton City Council seat vacated by Phyllis Campbell. The five other current city council members (Jerome Jenkins, Ivan Potter, Betty Morrow, Howard Dillard, and Yvette Thomas) will hold on to their seats, as Eric Lewis received the fewest votes in the seven-candidate pool.

In other contested races, Hickman County voters voted in favor of Republican Senator Mitch McConnell, who defeated challenger Allison Grimes statewide. Hickman County had 1,156 votes for McConnell, 707 for Grimes, and 63 for David Patterson.

Hickman County also voted with the district in the U.S. Congressional race between incumbent Representative Ed Whitfield and Charles Hatchett. Hickman County had 1,340 votes for Whitfield, compared to only 546 for Hatchett.

### 20 – Hunt gets 10-year sentence for role in Moore death

Kendrick Hunt was tried in Hickman County in November for his role in the 2011 beating death of Derek Moore. The other two involved in Moore’s death, Jeremy Irons and Connell Mounday, pled guilty to the crime and were sentenced to 15 years in prison.

In Hunts trial, the prosecution sought the death penalty for Hunt, but the evidence was not there, according to those familiar with the case. A Hickman County Jury convicted Hunt of complicity to unlawful imprisonment and wanton endangerment. The Jury recommended a 10-year prison sentence for Hunt, which was the sentence he received from the Hon. Tim Langford on Thursday, November 20.

Hunt is currently serving his sentence at Roederer Correctional Complex in LaGrange, and will be eligible for parole on April 23 of 2015, according to his profile on the Kentucky Online Offender Lookup website.

### 25 – Tri-State Gas sold to Thompson Gas

Tri-State Gas has been sold to Thompson Gas, headquartered in Hagerstown, Md. The sale was finalized on November 12.

Tri-State Gas was founded in March of 1946 by the late Carl Sr. and Janet Sarten. When Carl Sr. died in 1981, the company was passed down to his three sons, David, Carl, and Steve. Steve and David bought Carl out immediately, and David bought Steve’s portion of the company in February 1988, becoming the sole owner of Tri-State Gas.

David Sarten was eight years old when the company was founded, and began working full-time with the company at the age of 15. Now, 60 years later, Sarten is retiring.

“We’ve served many families in the area for three generations, and some for four generations,” Sarten said Monday. He doesn’t have any definite plans to fill his extra time during retirement, but said the first thing he’s going to do is enjoy this Christmas.

Sarten had only good things to say about Thompson Gas.

“They’re a family owned business like we were,” he said, “and I think they’ll take care of the customers the same way we have.” He also found it interesting that Thompson Gas and Tri-State Gas were established the same year – 1946. He said another similarity between the two

companies is that Thompson Gas is also a full service provider, meaning they not only deliver gas, but sell and service heating equipment as well.

Tri-State Gas has been one of the longest continually operated family-owned businesses in Hickman County, covering a span of more than 71 years.

### 25 – Senior Center will not hire new director

The board of directors for the Hickman County Senior Citizens’ Center decided not to hire a new director last week, after former director Wendy Stairs left the senior center.

“Our current staff is going to double up on duties to get everything done,” Phillip McClure, chairman of the board of directors, said Wednesday after the board made its decision.

Stairs, who began working as the center’s director on October 7, 2013, resigned from the position on Thursday, Nov. 13.

McClure said the decision not to fill the vacancy was made out of financial considerations.

“Our budget is upside down right now,” he said. “We’re spending more money than we’re bringing in.”

The center took a big cut in revenue this year when the Adult Day Care program was cut in July. Several senior centers across the state faced the same situation this year. McClure said that the center received \$43,000 last year for Adult Day Care. That funding is gone now.

### December

#### 16 – Local clinic to close with PRH on March 31

Parkway Regional Hospital’s inpatient and emergency services, as well as two clinics associated with the hospital in Clinton and Hickman, will cease operations on March 31, 2015.

Community Health Services, which owns Parkway Regional and three clinics associated with the hospital in Fulton, Hickman, and Clinton, released a statement last week that explained that challenges and changes of recent years have led to the decision to adjust its model of operation.

“As Parkway Regional Hospital surveyed the operating environment and how the community was using the hospital, the decision was made to end inpatient and emergency department services and focus resources on outpatient services,” the statement said.

The release was unclear as to what services, if any, will remain available at the Fulton hospital, but did say that Hillview Clinic will be relocated to South Fulton.

The statement also failed to mention the fate of the physician clinics in Clinton and Hickman. According to people familiar with the matter, the clinics in Hickman and Clinton are also scheduled to close on March 31. Patrons of these clinics will have to either follow their doctors to the South Fulton facility, or find another outlet for healthcare.

### 23 – Ruby Fayes announces closure

Ruby Faye’s Bar-B-Que served its final meal on Sunday, Dec. 28. Gordon Samples, owner of the restaurant, released a statement to media Tuesday, Dec. 16 that announced the looming closure of the establishment.

“Having worked seven years of 100-hour weeks and over two years without a day off, it is time to slow down while I can still enjoy life,” Samples said in the statement.

Samples also said that while he has not yet sold the property where Ruby Faye’s is located south of Clinton, he plans to do so in the near future. Rumors have circulated for the past few weeks about the possible expansion of neighboring Burgess Brother’s Grain Company onto the restaurant’s current location.

Samples says that he has no immediate plans to open another restaurant, but will explore several options after resting for a while.

“We plan to pursue providing our private recipe dressings and sauces through the online store we are launching called Ruby Faye’s Country Store,” he said. Samples also plans to finish writing a book he started four years ago and help his father with his renewed interest in beekeeping.

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# Community News

## Area Obituaries

### Phillip Edwards

Phillip G. Edwards, 90 of Owensboro, Ky. and formerly of Mayfield, Ky. passed away Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at the Owensboro Regional Medical Center in Owensboro. He was a Truck driver. He is survived by his step son, Gary Weatherford of Dearborn, Mich.; and two granddaughters, Krisstine Weatherford of Redford, Mich. and Amber Weatherford of Dearborn Heights, Mich. He was preceded in death by his wife, Madeline Bernelle Wooten Edwards; one sister and two brothers. His parents were Donald Rowland and Lonie Willoby Edwards; Funeral Services were at 1 p.m. Saturday, January 3, at the Brown Funeral Home in Clinton. Rev. Stan Walden officiated, with burial the Shiloh Cemetery.

### Thomas Quillen

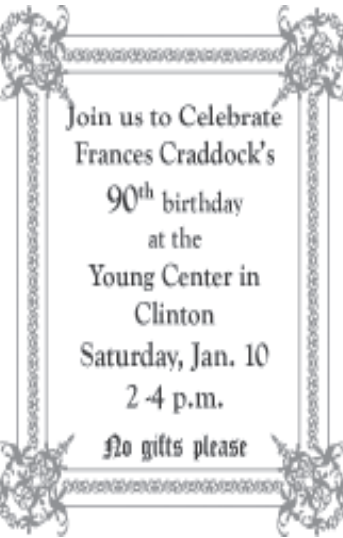
Thomas Wayne “little hambone” Quillen, 69, of Bardwell, Ky. died at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014 at Baptist Health in Paducah. He was a pilot for Ingram Barge for 36 years and of the Baptist faith. Surviving are his wife, Judy Payne Quillen; his mother, Jenice Perry Quillen of Arlington, Ky.; three daughters, Teresa Patterson of Burkley, Ky., Angie West of Bardwell and Tina Quillen of Arlington; two sons, Roy Quillen of Fulton, Ky. and Wayne Quillen, Jr. of Arlington; three sisters, Martha Copeland of Water Valley, Ky., Ginger Luedeke of Union City, Tenn. and Laura Byassee of Burkley; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Spencer Quillen; and one daughter, Melissa Quillen. Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home in Bardwell. Rev. Howard Copeland officiated, with burial in Burkley Cemetery.

### Re-Certification Pesticide Training will be held at Hickman Co. Extension Office

The Hickman County Extension Office will be having Re-Certification Pesticide Trainings. The dates are Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 10:00 am and Thursday, January 15 at 6:00 pm. Please check to see if your pesticide cards are up to date. Please call the Extension Office at 270-653-

### Obion Creek Watershed Board will meet January 13

The Obion Creek Watershed Conservancy District, Board of Directors, will meet Monday morning Jan.13, 2015 at 7:30 a.m., in the USDA Service Center, Conference Room, Clinton, Ky. The public is invited to



### Linda McClure

Linda McClure, 74, of Hickman County, Ky. died at 6:55 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 25, 2014 at her home. She was a former PNC Bank adjuster. She is survived by her mother, Violet Marie Harrison Hunt of Warren, Mich.; one daughter, Joy Herzog of Harleysville, Penna.; one sister, Margerie Kern of Henderson, Nev. and one brother, James Hunt of Henderson, Nev. She was preceded in death by her father, Marshall Hunt; 1st husband James Constanty, 2nd husband, James McClure; and two sons, James Kevin Helkowski and Timothy Helkowski. Memorial Services will be held at a later date. Brown Funeral Home in Clinton are in charge of arrangements.

### Laura Stephens

Laura Catherine Bard Stephens, 92, of Water Valley, Ky., died at 10:05 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015 at Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield. She was a member of Water Valley Baptist Church where she was the church organist and Sunday school teacher. She was retired from Reelfoot Bank in Fulton and was a past member of the Eastern Star and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Surviving are two sons, Charles (Annie) Stephens of South Fulton, Tenn. and Tony (Patrisha) Stephens of Fulgham, Ky.; seven grandchildren, Greg (Kerri) Stephens of Owensboro, Ky., Laurie (Jimmy) Thorpe of Fulton, Ky., James Stephens of South Fulton, Stacy (Keith) Howell of Fulgham, Toni Ann (Randy) McDaniel of Water Valley and Stephen and Gary Webb, both of Jacksonville, Fla.; 23 great grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Murrel Stephens; one daughter, Leila Maxine Webb; one brother; and a great-great granddaughter, Paris Jackson. Her parents were Dr. Charles Blanchard and Leila L. Bard. Services were at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5 at Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Fulton, with burial in Water Valley Cemetery.



### JOY to meet January 19

ATTENTION - FOLKS WHO LIKE JOY!!!! We will have our regular JOY meeting on Tuesday (remember we have changed from Mondays to Tuesdays), January 19, 2015 at the Young Center. This will be potluck; however, the meat will be furnished. We will have about 12 visitors with us so keep that in mind as you fill your pot with your delicious side dishes and desserts. Who are the visitors??? The Carlisle Kitchen Band will be with us. It has been several months since they have been with us so I am sure you don't want to miss this one. I would be nice if you called the church office and let us know if you are planning on coming and are you bringing a guest. This helps us with the set-up. Remember Tuesday, January 19 - JOY - noon potluck! Put it on your calendar and come!!! We look forward to your presence after the busy Advent and Christmas season.

## Second Baptist Church News

By Teresa Walton Pearson

### December 28

John Hill gave the Sunday School devotion from 1 Peter 2: 1-2 He said the number one New Year's resolution is to loose weight. He said it takes a decision and then dedication. John said the same is true for Christians, it takes a decision and then dedication to follow Jesus.

Julie Cagle sang “Jesus - Something about that name”

Bro. Dustin's message was taken from Matthew 2: 7-12. “Wise men still seek Him” He said in verse 11 They worshiped Him, and they gave Him gifts. In verse 12 they went home a different way. Bro. Dustin said when you get saved and meet Jesus you will go home different too. We should be wise men, seek Him, worship Him, give yourself to Him, and then go a different way.

Please pray for: Teen Garrison, Dorothy and Bud Brady, Kay Jones, Thomas Dublin, Jim

Schooley, Alan Tankersley, Dorothy Hoskins, Bud Martin, Anthony Poe, Monty Clark, Jimmy Johnson, Jessie Lee Davis, Ovidean Liberty, Dorothy Rogers, Edna Roper, Billy Lamb, Rocky James, Megan Grubbs, Mike and Sherry Jones, Paul and Jackie Ballard, Emma Barkley, Tabitha French, Suzanne Bell, Bernice Malone, Chelsea Johnson, Mercedes Rosas, JL Feezor, Bill Carter, Mike Basch, Shawn Turner, Josephine Shadwick, Helen Holmes, Josh Harpole, Austin Upshaw, Mildred Morrison, Eloise Harrison, James Gray, Our Troops and Our Country.

At Second Baptist we believe that “everybody is somebody and Jesus is everything.”

Visitors are always welcome at Second Baptist Church. Sunday School starts at 10am. Worship service is at 11am. Sunday night worship service is at 6 pm. Wednesday night 7 pm. Pastor Bro. Dustin Cunningham.

### January 4

Brent Dublin gave the Sunday School devotion from Deuteronomy 34 and Joshua 23. He asked What kept Moses out of the Promised Land? The answer is Sin. verse 5 says, So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab.

Joshua was next inline after Moses but God didn't just hand them the land, they had to fight for it. Verse 6 - 8 says, “Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left; That ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them: But cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto this day.” Brent said “Choose this day whom you will serve.”

Heather Kensley sang “The Anchor Holds” Tanner Dublin signed to “It Is Well With My Soul” and Doug Fisette sang and played a song he wrote titled “Noah, Someone's Knocking At The Door.”

Bro. Dustin's message was taken from Mark 8: 34 - 38. And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Bro. Dustin said “Today we cater to our body and not our soul,

## YOU DID IT--AGAIN!

Once again Hickman County has gone “over the top.” Your County Service Unit of The Salvation Army was hoping to break \$3,000 through the kettles again this year, as you did last year. On top of all the earlier giving, another large check just at the end put us over \$3,000 and close to -\$4,000! Every penny is appreciated, and every bell ringer and donor.

As is always the case, eighty per cent of these gifts will stay in the county, to be used to meet unexpected events, emergency transportation, medical needs,

the question is “Is it well with your soul?”

Sunday night Janice Glasco sang and Brandon Hann.on signed to “If It Wasn't For The Lighthouse” and Ryker Cagle sang “Long Black Train.”

Bro. Dustin had props set up to use in his message, he had 6 cups of different sizes and shapes on the remembrance table and then a cup off to one side and a huge garbage can on the other. His message was from Mark 9: 36 - 41 He said we drink from many different cups in our lives. There was cup of Agony, cup of anger, cup of bitterness, cup of unconfessed sin, cup of salvation, cup of blessing, and on each side the cup of separation and the cup of hell which of course was the huge garbage can. It was a wonderful message and this illustration really brought the message home to each of us. We had two new members join the church.

Please pray for: Teen Garrison, Dorothy and Bud Brady, Kay Jones, Thomas Dublin, Jim Schooley, Alan Tankersley, Dorothy Hoskins, Bud Martin, Anthony Poe, Jimmy Johnson, Jessie Lee Davis, Ovidean Liberty, Deloris Spurlin, Dorothy Rogers, Edna Roper, Billy Lamb, Rocky James, Megan Grubbs, Mike and Sherry Jones, Paul and Jackie Ballard, Emma Barkley, Tabitha French, Suzanne Bell, Bernice Malone, Chelsea Johnson, Mercedes Rosas, JL Feezor, Bill Carter, Mike Basch, Shawn Turner, Josephine Shadwick, Helen Holmes, Josh Harpole, Austin Upshaw, Mildred Morrison, Eloise Harrison, and all of the people out of our churches and schools sick.

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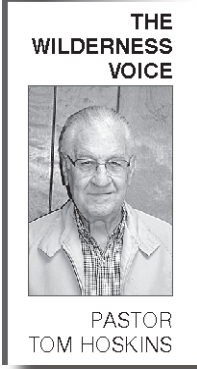
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school items, utility bills that go up unexpectedly, and food—real necessities of life. In previous years, over a hundred families have been helped each year. Some, but not all, are “repeats;” many are first-time recipients. The other twenty percent goes around the world for the varied ministries of The Salvation Army, including modest salaries for officers. None is used for any of our local unit members or volunteer agents.

Thanks to all, and let's look forward to our 20th season in November and December 2015!

## CHRISTMAS!

Christmas is supposed to be a joyful time and I wish for all our readers it has been so, but often, I am told, that Christmas is a



one do after Christmas? After the family and friends are gone, after the rich food doesn't

lonely time for many, and a time when people are prone to take their life.. Since Christmas is mainly over and a new year is upon us, what should Christmas? After the family and friends are gone, after the rich food doesn't

taste so well and after you have spent all your money? Let me suggest doing what the shepherds did after they had seen the Christ child. First, “they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child” (Luke 2:17). They went everywhere witnessing of Christ. Second, they went back to their work of tending sheep. “And the shepherds returned” (v20). Finally, they returned “glorifying and praising God” (v20). They worshipped. There is nothing better for after Christmas blues than witnessing, working and worshipping. Feeling down? I challenge you to follow the shepherds program.

## SENIOR CHATTER

by Rhonda

As we celebrate a New Year, what better wish can be given that you may never lose an old friend but gain many new! We invite you to join us at the Center for a warm inviting family atmosphere. We provide many useful services to the senior community, such as transportation, escort service, telephone reassurance, health education, on site and home delivered meals and much more. We like to keep you happy , healthy and informed!

### Menu

Monday, Jan.5 - BBQ pork sandwich, black bean & corn relish, orange , chocolate pudding, skim milk Tuesday, Jan. 6 - Baked ham, navy beans, cornbread, pineapple delight, skim milk Wednesday, Jan. 7- Turkey roast , cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, green beans ,almonds ,pumpkin custard, cranberry sauce, skim milk Thurs, Jan. 8 - Spaghetti & meat sauce, tossed salad, whole wheat roll, pineapple chunks,

walnuts, skim milk Friday, Jan. 9 - Beef stew, confetti slaw, oat bran muffin, strawberry dessert, skim milk Monday, Jan. 12 - Salmon Croquettes, rigatoni & tomatoes, buttered broccoli, whole wheat roll, chocolate pudding , skim milk

### Activities

Monday - Friday 10:30 Daily Walking Tuesday Jan. 6 - 10:00 Lana Livigini LPN Lifeline Home Care - Blood pressure clinic & health education 12:00 Laura Snyder, Book mobile librarian- Winter Program Wednesday Jan. 7- 10:00 Around the house jingo 12:00 Activity of choice Thursday Jan 8. - 10:00 Coffee Corner 12:00 Fran Potter RN. Regional Home Care Friday Jan. 9 -10:00 Bean Bag Toss 12:00 Local Shopping Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year! Have a blessed week!

## Beelerton Buzz

By Tammy Byrd

I hope that everyone is prepared for the cold temperatures we are to have this week, just hoping they don't last long.

Happy birthday wishes to Bill Morgan and Tim Blalock on the 5th, David Sublette and Joey Hannon on the 6th, Marsha Jordan, Jeanna Kimbell and Tina Etherton on the 7th, Richard Cagle on the 8th, Lisa Hutchins, Dale Batts and Kelsie Humphreys on the 10th, Denise McWhorter and Helen Bostick on the 11th, Craig Batts (celebrating the BIG 50) on the 12th, Jessica Allen on the 13th, and to Pat Stephens on the 15th. Happy anniversary wishes to Joe and Brenda Beard on the 6th. May you all have a wonderful day!

Congratulations to Sarah Delvalle (daughter of Janice Lawrence Delvalle) for being recognized for positive character traits (obeying the rules) by her teachers. Congratulations also to Abbey Ring and Jessica Barnett.

Chad and Amanda Batts were visitors (homefolk) at the Wesley Church. Craig Batts surprised his mom, Dale with a weekend trip to Nashville. One of the highlights of the trip was tickets to the Grand Ole Opry.

Have you heard the story of the little boy who fell out of bed? When his mother asked him what happened, he answered, “I guess I stayed to close to where

I got in.” Easy to do the same with our faith. It's tempting to stay where we got in and never move. Pick a time in the not to distant past and ask yourself a few questions. How does your prayer life today compare with then? How about your giving? Have both the amount and joy increased? How about your church loyalty? Can you tell you've grown? What about Bible study? Are you finding yourself more in God's Word? There they are, four good habits worth having. Make them a part of your day and grow. Don't make the mistake of the little boy. Don't stay to close to where you got in.

Our prayers concerns include our neighboring churches, several sick folks (the flu bug is making its rounds) the shut-ins, those in the nursing homes, our nation and leaders, and our military. Our Christian sympathy to the family of Barbara Anderson (wife of Bro. Max Anderson of Pleasant Valley), to the family of Treva Kestner of Arizona (sister of Betty Keene and aunt of Monda House), and to the family of Laura Katherine Stephens (mother of Tony Stephens and Charles Stephens.)

May God bless and comfort you during this time of loss. Have a blessed week and throw on that extra log!

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- Every Monday:**
- AA meets at 8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Clinton.
  - **First Monday:** Masonic Lodge 131 F&AM meets the first Monday night of the month at 7:30 p.m.
  - **Second Monday:** Library Board meets the second Monday at the library at 4.
  - **The Hickman Co. Arts Council** will meets the fourth Monday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Young Center. The public is invited to attend. [www.hickmancoarts.com](http://www.hickmancoarts.com).
  - **Every Wednesday:**

- 7 a.m.- Community Prayer Service at First United Methodist Church.
- **Every Wednesday and Saturday:**
- **The Hickman Co. Museum** is open every Wednesday from 1 - 4 p.m..
- **Hickman Co. Memorial Library** Open Tuesday through Friday from 2-5 p.m. and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- **Hickman Co. Board of Education** normally meets the third Thursday of every month
- **Clinton City Council** meets first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Clinton City Hall and **Columbus City Council** meets at 6 p.m., the first Monday of the month at Columbus City Hall.
- **The Mission House** is open Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and first Saturday of the month.
- **The Hickman Co. Histori-**

**cal and Genealogical Society Center** is open Wednesday & Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. For appointment, call LaDonna Latham at 653-4190 or Norma Gene Humphreys at 653-6208

- **The Willingham Center,** Carr Street in Fulton, will now be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12 - 3 p.m. for junior high and high school agee children. Cost will be \$3. per afternoon
- **Hickman County Fiscal Court** will meet Thursday, Jan. 8, at 6 p.m.in the County Judge Executive office.
- **JOY group** will meet at noon Tuesday, Jan. 19 at United Methodist Church Young Center.
- **Obion Creek Watershed** Conservancy District Board of Directors will meet January 13 in the USDA Servicer Center Conference Room in Clinton at 7:30 a.m.

## Dance! It’s good for you.

Did you dance up a storm on New Year’s Eve? Good for you, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. Keep it up because it’s good for you, especially if you are a member of the senior set.

British investigators at the University of Southampton found that ballroom dancing helped patients with Parkinson’s

Disease become more sure-footed after taking up ballroom dancing. The illness is prevalent among seniors and so the researchers concluded that it can help even healthy individuals in old age

“Dancing involves turning and stepping to a rhythmical beat from the music, which can help to improve their mobility. The

principles behind the dancing - people have to move their feet, turn their bodies and take big steps - were carefully chosen to enhance what clinicians are doing during rehabilitation,” said Professor Ann Ashburn, who headed up the study.

The Tango tops the list of dances with benefits, according to other scientists.

## Another year older

George Orwell said happiness can exist only in acceptance and apparently you can go through a large chunk of your life achieving acceptance, says the Association of Mature American Citizens.

In fact, according to David Brooks, who writes about culture and social science, older folks are happier folks and that the happiest people of them all are those between the ages of 82 and 85.

In a recent OpEd article in the New York Times, Brooks wrote: “I’d rather think that elder happiness is an accomplishment, not a condition that people get better at living through effort, by mastering specific skills. I’d like to think that people get steadily better at handling life’s challenges. In middle age, they are confronted by stressful challenges they can’t control, like having teenage children.

But, in old age, they have more control over the challenges they will tackle and they get even better at addressing them.”

So, says AMAC, as the new year gets under way and we consider the fact that we are all another year older, take heart and consider the real possibility that the coming years will, indeed, be among the happiest of our lives.



*“January is named after the Roman god Janus, who was always shown as having two heads. He looked back to the last year and forward to the new one. The Roman New Year festival was called the Calends, and people decorated their homes and gave each other gifts.”*

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For complete details about these and other student aid programs, visit [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com) and click on the Paying for College tab.

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# Enter Underdogs- Exit Superstars: Part 2

## Honoring Hickman County’s historic state tournament run of 1973

We continue from where we concluded in our Dec. 18 issue, the “Enter Underdogs – Exit Superstars” by Philip Jewell, which appeared in the March 22, 1973 edition of The Hickman County Gazette. The Falcons advanced all the way to the semi-finals of the State Basketball Tournament. In the last edition, we shared Jewell’s story about how the Falcons met Clay County and the Falcons took a 61-59 victory. Next, on Friday night, the Falcons took on the highly regarded Maysville. We pick up Jewell’s story there:

Hickman County got the game’s first bucket on a Grundy eight footer, but Maysville got the next six points. Maysville increased their advantage and led by as much as 11 points in the first quarter, 18-7. The Falcons managed to narrow the lead to 18-11 on two goals by Childress and Jordan before the quarter was over.

Maysville continued to increase its lead during the second period as Fred Walker and Mark Turner scored from outside. The Falcons were cold from the field during the first half, had trouble penetrating Maysville defense, and were generally outplayed. They trailed by as much as 17 points and were behind by 16 points, 36-20 at half time.

The Falcons began their comeback just as soon as the second half started. Ricky Weatherspoon smoked the nets with a 3-footer, and Isaac Childress stole the ball, scored a layup, was fouled, and made the free throw. Childress dropped in another bucket, and the Falcons had quickly gotten to within 9, 36-27. The Falcons continued to score freely while shutting off Maysville, and by the end of the third quarter, they trailed by only 5, 42-37.

The Falcons continued to draw closer in the fourth period

and with 5:10 left in regulation play, Wallace Grundy made a three point play to tie the score at 48. Neither team was able to get more than a two point lead during the rest of the fourth period. But with just 0:19 to play, Isaac Childress made two more free throws to put the Falcons ahead 60-58 and it looked like the Falcons might win it there. Maysville was still composed however, and Mark Turner hit from 20 feet to send the game into 60-60 overtime.

In the first overtime, Hickman County took the lead on a long jumper by James Jordan. Maysville came back with two free throws, the teams traded free throws, and the three-minute period ended in another tie, 63-63.

In the second overtime, Fred Walker put Maysville up with a ten foot shot but they held the lead only shortly as Weatherspoon dropped in a bomb from 30 feet. Time began to run down and after Childress finally missed a free throw with :49 remaining, Maysville took the ball with a chance to win the game. They called a time-out with :36 left to plan their final strategy. It turned out that they were going to go for one shot, to either win it or put it into another overtime. The clock ticked down but before Maysville could get off their last attempt- a sloppy pass was picked off by Ricky Weatherspoon.

Weatherspoon drove down the court and just before he could get a shot, he was fouled. The time ran out at the official’s whistle and Weatherspoon was left with one of the most pressure-packed situations in basketball: Standing at the line, all by your lonesome, with the fate of the ball game resting on your ability to get the ball through the hoop. It was a bonus shot, so the first shot had to be true or the game would be

sent onto another overtime.

Weatherspoon’s aim was good though, and the Falcons took their second state tournament victory. Weatherspoon added the other shot to make things look good, fixing the final score at 67:65.

Everyone must admire the Falcons for refusing to fold after being down by such a large margin. Asked how the Falcons came by their second half success, Sidney Spates said, “We went to Maysville’s weakness in the second half.”

What was Maysville’s weakness, Sidney? “They couldn’t play Hickman County.”

Well, so much for that. So here Hickman County was, in the semi-finals. The farthest any first region team had gotten since 1959. It was a good feeling, but the Falcons knew they would be in for the toughest game of the year. They would be playing Male High, the big and powerful team from the seventh region.

It seemed almost unfair that the Falcons should have to play a team the size of Male. For example, the front line of Male was a combined total of 17 inches taller than Hickman County’s and 120 pounds heavier. But the Flacons wouldn’t concede anything and the instant they hit the floor, it was clear that they intended to win the game.

In the first quarter, the Falcons worked in and around Male’s defense, matched the taller Bulldogs basket for basket and held a 16-14 lead at the end of the first frame. In that period, the Hickman Countians were able to draw three fouls from Wesley Cox, Male’s big All-American. This looked to be a boon to the Falcons at the time but it turned out that Cox never was forced to the bench because of fouls.

Male took the lead on the

first play of the second quarter, on Cox’s three point play, but the Falcons got it back on a Fitts jumper. The Falcons built up a comfortable margin in the second period and led at one time by 9, 26-17. Male drew within 5, 30-25 on the last play of the half, an eight footer by Cox. It was a controversial play in that Cox ran over Childress in making the basket but no charging foul was called and the Falcons missed a chance at a couple of free tosses and picking up the fourth foul on Cox.

Hickman County was guilty of several early turnovers in the second half which allowed Male to close in. The Falcons regained their composure and built up another lead of seven points, 36-29, on a Childress lay in. On the trip down the floor, Childress fell and hurt his knee, signaling the demise of the Falcons. Although Childress was out for only the last 2:13 of the third quarter, the momentum they had gained began to leave and Male was within 3, 38-35 at the third stop. Childress was back in at the start of the final frame and the Falcons pushed their lead to 6, 44-38. It was then that Male put on its victory drive. For over two minutes the Falcons failed to score, and made several turnovers which let Male score 13 straight points. The hustling Falcons had finally run out of steam after playing the hard struggles of the two previous days. The final score of Hickman County’s state tournament effort was 60-50 in favor of Male.

I’d like to make some general comments on the tourney. For one, I heard it said time and again by neutral pressmen and observers that the Falcons were the most poised, well-disciplined and best coached team in the tournament.

I don’t think that the Falcons’ success was a freak

thing in which they played over their heads. They were not outrageously hot from the field, nor did they do things they don’t normally do, they just played good, hustling basketball. Anyone who has followed this team over the year knows that they played to their fullest potential at the tournament, but not over it. Putting it simply, they are just a talented group of ballplayers who were not out of place among the other teams in the state tournament.

After watching this team during the tournaments, I’d like to give a few of these players some awards of my own, which, for lack of a better name, we’ll call the Jewell Awards.

The Jewell Award for the Clutch Basketball Player of the Year goes to Isaac Childress. Isaac has made more free throws late in the game, many in the bonus situation, than anyone I’ve seen yet. He always went to the line with nerves of steel, and had not he kept his composure, the Falcons would not have gotten nearly as far as they did.

The Jewell Award for Gutsy, But Often Unnoticed Play goes jointly to Sidney Spates and Wallace Grundy. It’s not easy to go out there and battle the boards with guys four, five and six inches taller than you and 30 pounds heavier, but Spates and Grundy did it, and did it well. Sometimes such phases of the game as this go unheralded, but nevertheless they are some of the most important.

I don’t know who is going to get the Coach of the Year award, but just in case Coach Ray doesn’t get it, I’m going to give it to him. The Jewell Award for the Coach of the Year goes to Dale Ray. As I said earlier, Hickman County looked by far to be the best drilled team in the tournament.

The other players are due

some well-deserved recognition also. Ricky Weatherspoon has been an important player for the Falcons all year long and capped the season off with a great tournament performance. And who will ever forget those two free throws with time expired on the Maysville game?

Derrick Fitts has been the team’s sparkplug this year. There is hardly a full-court press that he cannot break, and although he may not score a huge number of points, he is one of the Falcon’s most important players.

I am especially proud of the Falcons on one particular point. After winning the regional tournament for the first time in the school’s history, the players could have taken the attitude that they had accomplished all that was necessary and that they would be making only a token appearance in the state tourney. But instead, as any fool can plainly see, they went to Louisville with a winning attitude and an attitude to win, and they came close to taking the whole thing.

Even though they really had nothing to lose in the semi-final game with Male, when the game was over and Male had won, the players and cheerleaders were as disappointed as if they had lost the first game, which is sort of indicative of the attitude the team had.

You really can’t say enough words of praise about this bunch, but maybe some of the spirit they have aroused will carry over into the next few years, and we’ll come up with another team like this before long.

Make plans to attend the HCHS Homecoming game Jan. 9, 2015 as the basketball team and cheerleaders and others involved in this exciting time of 1973 are honored!

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## News & Review

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Owner of J&R Used Cars Mike Roach, left, with finance officer Kelly Tucker and account manager Justin Reed.

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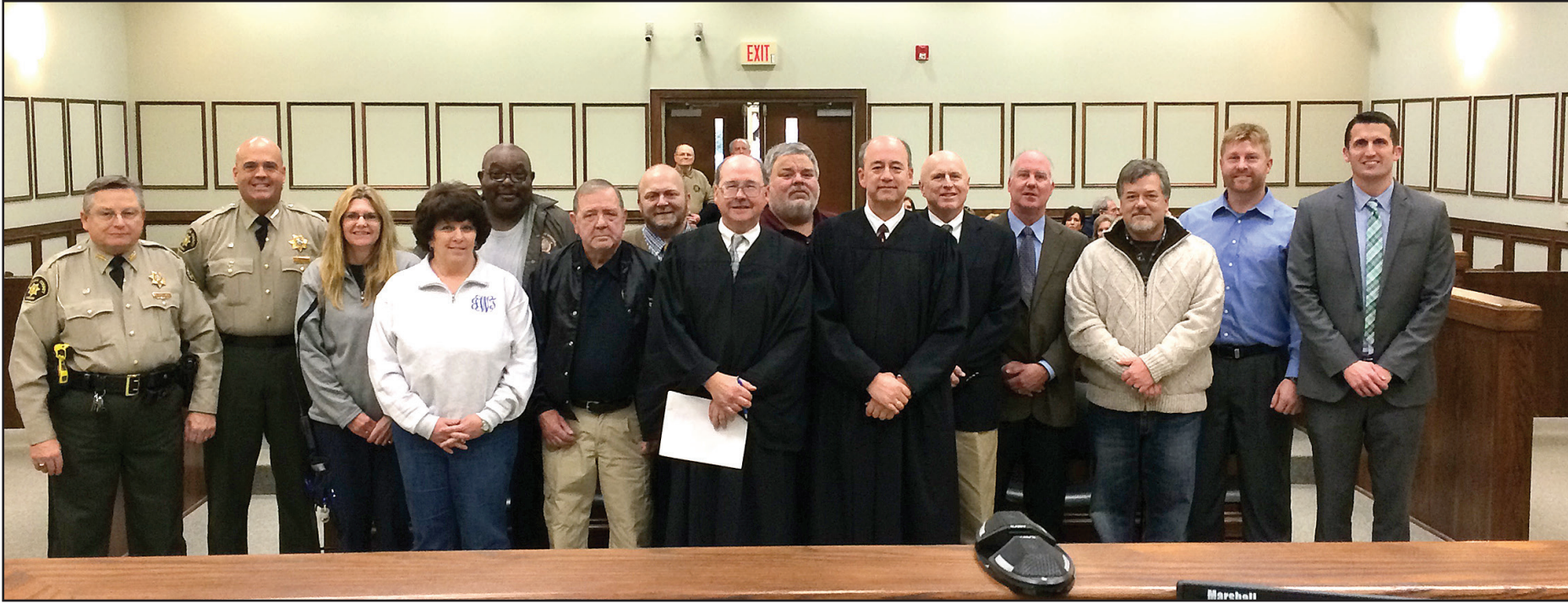
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# Local News

## COUNTY OFFICIALS SWORN IN

Hickman County officials were sworn into office on Monday, December 29. Shown from left are Sheriff Deputy Dennis McDaniel, Sheriff Mark Green, Coroner Paula Boaz, Joye Workman, Fulton County Sheriff's Deputy Melvin Pierce, Fulton County Constable Bobby Johnson, Hickman County Jailer Chad Barber, 1st Circuit Judge Tim Langford, Magistrate Henry Cole, First District Judge Hunter Whitesell, Hickman County Judge/Executive Kenny Wilson, Magistrate Irvin Stroud, Magistrate Kory Naranjo, and Hickman County Attorney Jason Batts.



## Financial aid workshops offered at HCHS

Three financial aid workshops for parents of seniors will be held during the month of January in the front computer lab of the high school – Thursday, January 8th from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 15th from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 29th from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. These will be come-and-go events and will be times for parents to fill out

the FAFSA which could qualify their child for grant money and low-interest loans. Parents will need to bring their 2013 income tax return and/or 2014 W2 forms (and the student's if they have them) in order to fill out the FAFSA. Every senior, except for those enlisting in the military, should fill out a FAFSA and this needs to be done as soon as possible because the

state grant money will run out quickly, possibly by the end of January if not sooner. Former graduates enrolled in college must also fill out a FAFSA each year and are invited to attend these workshops as well if they need assistance in filling out the FAFSA. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the guidance office at the high school.



**CONSERVATION WRITING CONTEST WINNERS 2014** - 7<sup>TH</sup> Grade - 1<sup>ST</sup> place- Katelyn Humphreys, 2<sup>ND</sup> place- Charity Shelton; 8<sup>TH</sup> Grade- 1<sup>ST</sup> place – Bobbi Crumble, 2<sup>ND</sup> Place – Ward Carter; 9<sup>TH</sup> Grade – 1<sup>ST</sup> place – Jakob Stahr, 2<sup>ND</sup> place – Taylor Ramage, 10<sup>TH</sup> Grade – 1<sup>ST</sup> Courtney Cagle, 2<sup>ND</sup> place: Rashida Burdick. Overall District Winner: Jakob Stahr, First Place, Bobbi Crumble, second place.

## Get Fit Challenge- 10 weeks to change your life!!!

Does your New Year's Resolution contain a goal that includes weight loss, increased physical activity, toned abs, more water, fruits and vegetables? Do you refuse to make New Year's Resolution but know that you need to make a life change for better health? If so, then consider participating in the GET FIT Challenge sponsored by the Hickman County Extension Service. This challenge will allow individuals and/ or teams a supportive environment to reach healthy goals.

The GET FIT Challenge

is a spinoff of the Biggest Loser competition offered in the county the six years. GET FIT offers 10 weeks of Weigh in, Online Support or Face to Face Support Class, Individual /Team competition with a weekly Friday weigh in and FIT challenges. Challenge Point Cards are earned by attending learning sessions, virtual challenges, and physical activity events. Teams can include up to six people at least 1 member of the team should work or reside in Hickman County. GET FIT Challenge will offer a choice of a new online support or face to face class that meets twice

a month, which will include opportunities for education, physical activity and recipe tasting.

GET FIT Challenge will begin on January 16th and last for 10 weeks ending March 27th. Preregistration is required by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration Packets are available at the Hickman County Extension Office or on January 12 at 5:00 PM and January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the GET FIT Informational Meetings. All individuals and one team member who sign up must attend a GET FIT Informational

Meeting. Cost is \$10.00 per person and will be put in (2) PRIZE POTS with Team Winner receive 50%, Team 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 30% and Team 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 20%, respectively Top Individual Male and Female will each receive 50% of the Individual PRIZE POT. If you would like to participate or need more information please call 653-2231. Educational programs of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

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conflict with meetings of other municipalities. She mentioned that the Hickman County Fiscal Court had voted that morning to hold their meetings on the second Thursday of each month, and that the Columbus City Council was not likely to change from the first Monday. She said that if the Clinton City Council changed their meeting to another date, officials representing each municipality could attend other meetings, encouraging cohesion between the entities.

Councilmembers disagreed on whether or not the meeting date should be moved, and had a hard time finding another time when all stakeholders are available. It was brought up that the councilmembers would

also like representatives from the Purchase Area Development District to attend the meetings. Campbell took down some potential dates, and will contact PADD about their availability.

Hickman County Judge/ Executive Kenny Wilson and District 2 Magistrate Kory Naranjo were present at the meeting, while Magistrate Henry Cole attended the meeting of the Columbus City Council, which was being held at the same time.

The council set a date for a round-table discussion workshop to be held at the City Hall on Saturday, January 24, at 10 a.m. No business will be conducted at the workshop, but ideas will be tossed around for consideration and research.

## Leadership class learns about agriculture

Baylee Estes

On December 11, 2014, the Hickman County High School Chamber of Commerce Leadership Group had an Agriculture theme day.

First, students and sponsors visited Burgess Brothers. Josh Burgess spoke to us about the history of the company and gave us a tour. He went on to show us how the trucks were loaded and unloaded and how they tested the grain.

The next stop was Kimbell Farms. Clint Kimbell gave a tour of the hog barns. He explained how the business worked, where the hogs arrive from, where the hogs go after departing from Kimbell farms.

Finally, the Class visited Cliff and Kenny Humphrey's Dairy Farm. During a tour of the



The Hickman County High School Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership Group enjoyed learning about local agriculture on their agriculture-themed day on December 11. In this photo, the students are shown with Kenny Humphrey at Humphreys Dairy.

farm, Humphrey spoke about the history of the farm and how the farm operates. He also explained how they milked the

cows and where the milk goes after leaving the dairy farm.

At the end of the day, one student spoke for the class.

"We all enjoyed seeing how the agricultural businesses in Hickman County operate. It was a great day."

## District Court Report

*The following cases were heard before the Hon. Hunter B. Whitesell II on 01/05/12 in Hickman County District Court.*

Kathy Ann Richardson-Wanton Endangerment- 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (8 counts). Reckless Driving. Speeding 26 Mph. Over/Greater. Fleeing or Evading Police, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. Assault- 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree- Police/ Probation Officer- Ident. Failure to Wear Seat Belts. Criminal Mischief, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (two counts). Operate MV u/Influ of Alc/Drugs w/.08, aggravator, 1<sup>st</sup> off. Possess Open Alcohol Beverage Container in a Motor Vehicle. Poss. Controlled Substance, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 1<sup>st</sup> off. (methamphetamine). Drug Paraphernalia- Buy/Possess (three counts). Controlled Substance Prescription Not in Original Container, 1<sup>st</sup>. Pleaded not guilty. Preliminary hearing set for 1/12/15. Thomas E. Allen. Wanton Endangerment- 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.

Criminal Abuse- Third Degree- Child 12/Under. Failure to Notify Address Change to Dept. of Transportation. Pleaded not guilty. Preliminary hearing set for 1/12/15.

Cushena D. Vinson. Operate MV u/Influ Of Alc/Drugs w/.08 Aggravator, 1<sup>st</sup> off. Improper Parking Firelane/Block Traveled Portion of Hwy. Possess. Open Alcohol Beverage Container in a Motor Vehicle. Failure to Produce Insurance Card. Excessive Windshield Window Tinting. Pleaded not guilty. Pretrial conference set for 1/12/15.

Christian C. Rogers. Speed 10 Mph. Over (Limited Access). Six mo. diversion entered.

Valencia S. Warren. Theft By Deception- Include Cold Checks U/\$500 (two counts). Pleaded guilty. 30 days conditionally discharged two years.

Michael Carson. Diversion Completion. Dismiss as compliant. Wayne Gatewood. Diversion

Completion. Dismiss as compliant.

Ledarius Montrel McCloud. Diversion Completion. Dismiss as compliant.

Sharon K. Riley. Diversion Completion. Dismiss as compliant.

Alivia Marie Curnel. Review. Compliance.

Britton R. McClain. Review. Compliance.

Duane V. Morgan. Review. Compliance.

Matthew A. Saye. Review. Compliance.

Zackary A. Stinson. Review. Compliance.

Nekoda S. Crider. Local City Ordinance. Motion of county attorney- dismiss on compliance.

Tanner R. Crider. Speeding 19 Mph. Over Limit. Continued to 1/12/15 for proof of course.

Allan R. Jacobs, Jr. Pretrial Conference. Continued to 1/12/15.

Jeffery D. Martin. Pretrial Conference. Continued to 1/12/15.

1/26/15 for conflict  
Jerrell M. McFarland. Preliminary Hearing. Assault, 1<sup>st</sup> degree. Amend to Assault 2<sup>nd</sup>. Wanton Endangerment- 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (3 counts). Assault 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Minor Injury. Probable cause found. Bound to Grand Jury 1/15/15.

Robert K. Thornton. Preliminary Hearing continued to 1/12/15.

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### 2015 SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

THIS WEEK'S DOUBLE FEATURE

**Trent Callison**  
Son of Lloyd and Sharon Callison

**Avery Cloar**  
Daughter of Rachel Eason

**Clubs:** Skills USA

**Accomplishments:** Went on mission trips with New Harmony Baptist Church youth group for 5 years, helped tornado victims.

**Future Plans:** Might attend a technical school to work as a heavy equipment operator.

**Clubs:** Beta Club, Science Club, FCCLA, Varsity Volleyball, Spanish Club.

**Accomplishments:** 4.0 GPA through high school, member of Mount Moriah Baptist Church, College and Career Ready, Distinguished on state testing.

**Future Plans:** To attend WKCTC for Health Science Technology and have a career in phlebotomy.

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